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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of June 13, 2008, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire 3 months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Applicant herein files such response within two months of the mail date in order to trigger the issuance of an Advisory Action. It is not believed that any fee is due in this matter. In the event that any fee is deemed necessary or an overpayment becomes due in connection with this response, the undersigned authorizes the charge or credit, as the case may be, be applied to Deposit Account No. 502679. Please reconsider the Application as follows:

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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